

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

Each nozzle array on a print head 28b has a plurality of nozzles arranged along sub-scanning direction for discharging a same ink, and at least a pair of nozzle arrays that discharge different inks (a leading
5 nozzle array FN and a trailing nozzle array RN) are arranged in a staggered manner. In an interlace recording using this print head 28b, a reference is made to a printing data memory prior to a main scan pass, for a printing data of a plurality of main scan lines that correspond to an overall width in the sub-scanning direction of the
10 staggered nozzle array pair. A single main scan pass is then performed according to the referenced printing data.